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1. (currently amended) Method A method of imparting odor to an odorless combustible gas ~~of odorizing gas,~~ said method comprising:

[by] adding to said odorless combustible gas

A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,  
B. at least one N compound with a boiling point of from 90 to 210°C and a molecular weight of from 80 to 160 and optionally  
C. an antioxidant,

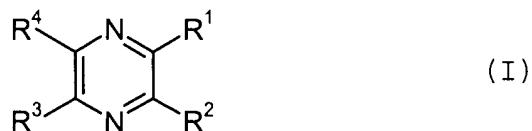
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wherein components A and B are added to said combustible gas in an amount effective to act as a warning signal to warn of presence of said combustible gas in an enclosed space before an ignition limit of said combustible gas in said enclosed space is reached.

2. (currently amended) Method A method according to Claim 1, wherein said at least two different acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl esters A are added.

3. (currently amended) Method A method according to Claim 1, wherein said a mixture of two different acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl esters is added as component A.

4. (currently amended) Method A method according to Claim 3, wherein the weight ratio of the two acrylic ester classes is 9:1 to 1:9.

5. (currently amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein a compound of the formula



is used as component B, where

R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl.

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b6. (currently amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein component B is used in an amount of from 1 to 100  
parts by weight per 1 000 parts by weight of A.

7. (currently amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein component C is used in an amount of from 0.01 to 5  
parts by weight per 1 000 1,000 parts by weight of A.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) [[A]] An odorless combustible gas  
comprising a warning signal comprising an odorizing  
composition comprising  
A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,  
B. at least one N compound with a boiling point of from 90  
to 210°C and a molecular weight of from 80 to 160 and  
optionally

C. an antioxidant,

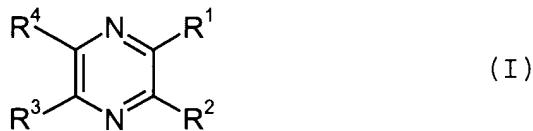
wherein components A and B are added to said combustible gas in an amount effective to act as a warning signal to warn of presence of said combustible gas in an enclosed space before an ignition limit of said combustible gas in said enclosed space is reached.

10. (previously added) A gas according to Claim 9, wherein at least two different acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl esters are added.

11. (previously added) A gas according to Claim 9, wherein a mixture of two different acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl esters are added as component A.

12. (currently amended) A gas according to Claim [[9]] 11, wherein the weight ratio of the two acrylic ester classes is 9:1 to 1:9.

13. (previously added) A gas according to Claim 9, wherein said at least one N compound is of the formula:



, wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl.

14. (currently amended) A gas according to Claim 9, wherein said at least one N compound is used present in an amount of from 1 to 100 parts by weight per 1,000 parts by weight of said Component A.

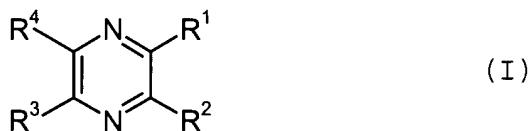
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15. (previously added) A gas according to Claim 9, wherein at least said antioxidant is used in an amount of from 0.01 to 5 parts by weight per 1,000 parts by weight of said Component A.

16. (new) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said odor imparting components that are added to said combustible gas are non-corrosive.

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17. (new) A gas according to Claim 9, wherein said odor imparting components that are added to said combustible gas are non-corrosive.

18. (new) A method of odorizing an odorless combustible gas by adding to said odorless combustible gas

- A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,
- B. at least one N compound with a boiling point of from 90  
to 210°C and a molecular weight of from 80 to 160,  
wherein said at least one N compound is of the formula:

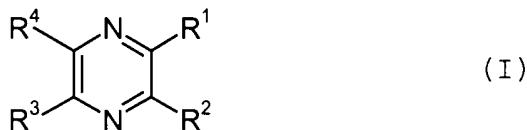


wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and optionally

- C. an antioxidant.

19. (new) A method of odorizing an odorless combustible gas by adding to said odorless combustible gas

- A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,
- B. at least one N compound of the formula:



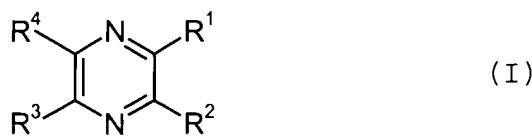
wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and optionally

- C. an antioxidant.

20. (new) A method according to Claim 19, wherein components A and B are added to said combustible gas in an amount effective to act as a warning signal to warn of presence of said combustible gas in an enclosed space before an ignition limit of said combustible gas in said enclosed space is reached.

21. (new) An odorless combustible gas comprising an odorizing composition comprising

- A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,
- B. at least one N compound with a boiling point of from 90 to 210°C and a molecular weight of from 80 to 160, wherein said at least one N compound is of the formula:



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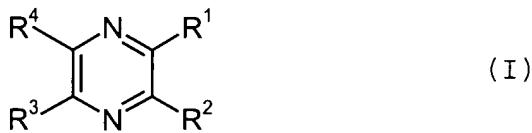
wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and optionally

C. an antioxidant.

22. (new) An odorless combustible gas comprising a warning signal comprising an odorizing composition comprising:

A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,

B. wherein at least one N compound is of the formula:



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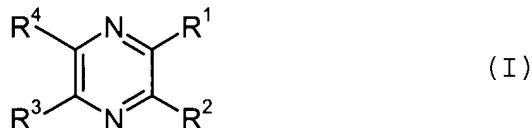
wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and optionally

C. an antioxidant.

23. (new) A gas according to Claim 22, wherein components A and B are added to said combustible gas in an amount effective to act as a warning signal to warn of presence of said combustible gas in an enclosed space before an ignition limit of said combustible gas in said enclosed space is reached.

24. (new) An odorless combustible gas odorizing agent comprising:

A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl acrylate,  
B. at least one compound of the formula:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and optionally

C. an antioxidant.